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MIDTERM ELECTION BENCHMARK

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 15-28, 2018 with a random sample of **-1,011—** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **- 902—** registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

Results for likely voters are based on a sample of **- 675 --** survey respondents deemed most likely to vote in the November 2018 General Election, according to a series of questions measuring current voting intentions and past voting behavior. For results based on the sample of likely voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-458—** Republicans and Republican leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-496—** Democrats and Democratic leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

As you may know, the upcoming midterm elections in November will determine which party controls both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. We will ask you about both the House and the Senate. First,

16. Regardless of how you, yourself, plan to vote, which party do you think will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in the Congressional elections this fall – [ROTATED: The Republicans (or) the Democrats]?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 15-28	50	44	7
2014 Sep 25-30	63	33	4
2010 Sep 23-26	52	32	15
2006 Oct 20-22	38	54	8
2006 Apr 28-30	39	52	9
1962 Sep 20-25	16	60	24
1958 Sep 10-15	12	67	22
1947 Oct 12-17	27	52	22
1946 Sep 27-Oct 2	63	37	--
1946 Jul 26-31	46	38	16
1946 Jun 28-Jul 3	45	35	20

17. And which party do you think will win control of the U.S. Senate in the Congressional elections this fall – [ROTATED: The Republicans (or) the Democrats]?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 15-28	61	33	7
2014 Sep 25-30	52	42	6

D9/D9A. PARTY IDENTIFICATION AND LEANING (FOR SCREENING PURPOSES)

21. (*Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents*) How worried are you about what will happen if Democrats gain control of one or both houses of Congress after the midterm elections – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, not worried at all?

BASED ON – 458 – REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 15-28	47	19	21	13	--

22. (*Asked of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents*) How worried are you about what will happen if Republicans maintain control of both houses of Congress after the midterm elections – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, not worried at all?

BASED ON – 496 – DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 15-28	61	20	9	10	1